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VIA ECF and Email

The Honorable Analisa Torres
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
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Re: *Syracuse Mountains Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*,
Case No. 1:21-cv-02678-AT

Dear Judge Torres:

On behalf of our client, plaintiff Syracuse Mountains Corporation in the above referenced case, we respectfully submit this status letter regarding service of process pursuant to your Honor's August 13, 2021 Memo Endorsement, Dkt. 23.

By way of background, we submitted to the Clerk of the Court the necessary documents for service upon defendant Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in accordance with Section 1608(a)(4) of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, which the Clerk then transmitted to the Department of State on May 21, 2021, as noted in our June 14, 2021 status letter to the Court, Dkt. 20, and the Clerk's Certificate of Mailing, Dkt. 19.

As explained in our August 13, 2021 Letter to the Court, Dkt. 22, we received the following update from the Department of State via email on August 10, 2021: "[T]he Department received the request, and it is being processed for service through diplomatic channels, but at the moment it has not yet been transmitted. Once that occurs, a certified copy of

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the diplomatic note will be returned to the clerk.” Dkt. 22-2. The Department of State did not provide a definitive timeline for prospective service given the impact of the pandemic but expressed “hope we will have some additional information in a couple of weeks.”

We have since contacted the Department of State on multiple occasions. On September 22, 2021, the Department of State informed us that service “is still in process and it has not yet been served.” We have attached a copy of that correspondence to this filing.

We will continue to follow-up with the Department of State and promptly notify the Court when service of process is complete.

Respectfully,

/s/ Michael DeBernardis
Michael DeBernardis

Attachment